

Letter from Russell Radford to Alexander Graham Bell, January 17, 1917

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ROOMS FOR REVISION OF APPLETONS' CYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY
NEW YORK Jan. 17, 1917. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, 1331 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C. Dear Sir:—

I am enclosing, herewith, a biography of the life and work of Miss Helen Keller, which is to appear in the forthcoming volume of the revised edition of Appletons' Cyclopedia of American Biography. I know that you are familiar with the talents of this blind and deaf woman, and I would appreciate the favor if you will kindly revise the enclosed article, so that it may be as accurate as possible. I would appreciate it if you will kindly return this article to us not later than Feb. 10th.

Yours very truly, Russeu Radford Asst. Managing Editor.

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